

sufficient quantity, I began to lay some across my cord. The creature, having taken notice of it, did the same to his, and with so much dexterity and agility, that his faggot was larger, and sooner made than mine; which by that time, being large enough, and as much as he could well carry, I bound up; which set him to do the same with his, which was abundantly too large a load for him.

Our faggots being made, I took up that which I had made, to see how he would go about taking up his; which, being much too heavy for him, he could not lift, so running round it, I believe, twenty times, he looked me in the face, as craving help.

Having been sufficiently diverted with the out-of-the-way shifts he made I gave him mine, and took up his: the poor animal appeared overjoyed at the exchange; therefore, cheerfully takes up the bundle, and follows me home.

Pray, Sir, said I, what became of that wonderful creature? Alas! said he, it was killed by monkeys of the other kind, which fell upon him one day as he was going for water by himself: for the poor dear creature was grown so knowing, that if at any time either firing or water was wanted, I

had nothing to do but to get a bundle of cord, or the empty bundle would strait go, and fetch either; he wanted nothing but speech to him for human society. This now, goes about with me, a faggot, or a vessel of water, turn the spit or string, when I am in; yet he is nothing like *Beaufidelle*: Besides, this is ungrateful to me, he often does me wrong; was but the other day that I was in for five or six hours; I went to go out, and happened to find ink upon the table, and



ment I had been writing on